

Open Space Preservation Committee
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
DRAFT Minutes
Mansfield Town Hall, Conference Room B
7:00p.m.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Attendance

Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Ken Feathers, Vicky Wetherell, Heidi Groeger, Michael Soares, and Jennifer Kaufman (staff)

3. Opportunity for public comment

No members of the public were present.

4. Review of Minutes

Minutes of the September 2016 meeting were approved (Feathers, Wetherell).
Notes from the field trip of October 7 were approved (Feathers, Soares).

5. New Business

Welcome to our new member, Heidi Groeger.

6. Continuing Business

- Permanent Preservation Memo to the Town Council
A draft memo was reviewed and discussed. The memo describes the current lack of permanent protection for many Town-owned lands, which were acquired as open and presumed to be permanently protected (but are not). Revisions were made to the draft and supplement documents were considered.
- Recreational Trails Grant Program
OPSC supports the proposal to apply for a CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant for design of a universal-access trail and parking area (off Dodd Rd) in Southworth Preserve.

7. Executive Session

The committee voted to go into Executive Session at 8:30 and to come out of Executive Session at 8:08. Any recommendations will be forwarded to the Town Manager.

8. Communications

Minutes

- Conservation Commission: 9/21/16
- PZC: none
- IWA: 10/6/16

9. Future Agendas

This item was limited to OSPC's continuing work on item #6 (Memo to Town Council).

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.